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Rao Bahadur C. VENKATARANGA REDDI :—“The order was issued and two papers were sent out, one to the village magistrate and the other to the licence-holders, and I want to know whether there was any Government Order under which such an order was issued ?”

The hon. Sir ARTHUR KNAPP :—“If the question is whether we should overrule the District Magistrate’s discretion by a General Order, I am afraid the answer is ‘No’.”

Diwan Bahadur P. KESAVA PILLAI :—“May I know is this investigation to be confined to Cuddapah and Kurnool only but not to Anantapur ?”

The hon. Mr. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—“Those particular men have been detailed for duty in the said districts of Cuddapah and Kurnool.”

Diwan Bahadur P. KESAVA PILLAI :—“Is not the Government aware that bombs have been used in Anantapur also ?”

The hon. Mr. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—“When the mischief gets as grave as it is in Kurnool and Cuddapah, Government will take the necessary steps.”

Diwan Bahadur P. KESAVA PILLAI :—“Only after murders are committed ?”

The hon. Mr. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—“No. If the traffic in bombs which is chronic feature of Cuddapah and Kurnool extends to Anantapur, then that is an important ground for action, apart from the action taken by the ordinary Police.”

Diwan Bahadur P. KESAVA PILLAI :—“Is not the Government aware, Sir, that there have been such cases, and there has been traffic in bombs ?”

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—“The hon. the Home Member said that the Government would not by an official order interfere with the discretion of the District Magistrate. Will the hon. Member do so demi-officially, Sir ?”

Diwan Bahadur P. KESAVA PILLAI :—“There is no answer to my question, Sir ?”

The hon. Mr. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—“In deference to what has fallen from my hon. Friend, I shall ask the District Magistrate.”

Posting of cases by the Divisional Officer of Bandar.

12-15 p.m. 246 Q.—The RAJA OF KURUPAM: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that orders have been passed asking the Revenue Divisional Officers to try cases at the headquarters generally for the convenience of parties ;

(b) if so, whether it is true that some Revenue Divisional Officers, such as Khan Bahadur Habibulla Khan Sahib Bahadur, Divisional Officer of Bandar, Kistna district, have made it a point generally to post cases for trial to far-off places thereby causing a good deal of worry, unnecessary expenditure and inconvenience to parties ;

(c) whether he will be pleased to make an inquiry and to call for a statement as to the number of cases posted in places other than at headquarters, since that Officer assumed charge of the division ;

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Dr. P. Varadarajulu Nayudu's speech.

244 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state (giving dates) when Mr. P. Varadarajulu Nayudu delivered speeches inviting Japan to invade India and also desiring riots to take place in the cold weather (vide the hon. the Law Member's answer to my interpellation No. 28-A, dated 12th December 1923, printed in the Council Proceedings of that date) ?

A.—The hon. Member is referred to the answer to clause (a) of question No. 240.

Bomb cases in certain taluks of the Kurnool district.

245 Q.—Rao Bahadur C. VENKATARANGA REDDI: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) the number of bomb cases in the Sirvel and Koilkuntla taluks of the Kurnool district during the years 1922 and 1923 respectively;

(b) the number of murders by the use of bombs during the same years in the same taluks;

(c) the number of offences by the use of firearms during the same years in the same taluks;

(d) the number of bomb cases in Proddatur, Jammalamadugu and Pulivendla taluks of the Cuddapah district during the years 1922 and 1923 respectively; and

(e) whether any officer or officers have been appointed on special duty in connexion with bomb cases in the Kurnool and Cuddapah districts?

A.—The information is given below:—

(a) (b) & (c)—

Kurnool district—

| | Number of bomb cases. | | Number of murders by use of bombs. | | Number of offences by use of fire- arms. | |
|-------------------|--------------------------|-------|---------------------------------------------|-------|---------------------------------------------------|-------|
| | 1922. | 1923. | 1922. | 1923. | 1922. | 1923. |
| Sirvel taluk | ... | 1 | 5 | ... | 1 | ... |
| Koilkuntla taluk. | ... | 2 | ... | 1 | ... | 1 |

(d) 1922—Proddatur 3, Jammalamadugu 2, Pulivendla 3.

1923—Proddatur 2, Jammalamadugu 3, Pulivendla nil.

(e) The hon. Member is referred to the answer to question No. 529.

Rao Bahadur C. VENKATARANGA REDDI:—“Sir, in view of the fact that there was only one case regarding the use of fire arms, will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to ask the District Magistrate to withdraw the order refusing wholesale the issue of licences for firearms in these two taluks?”

The hon. Sir ARTHUR KNAPP:—“I would ask my hon. Friend to specify the particular order of the District Magistrate which he wants us to cancel. I am not aware that the District Magistrate issued any general order which is subject to our cancellation.”